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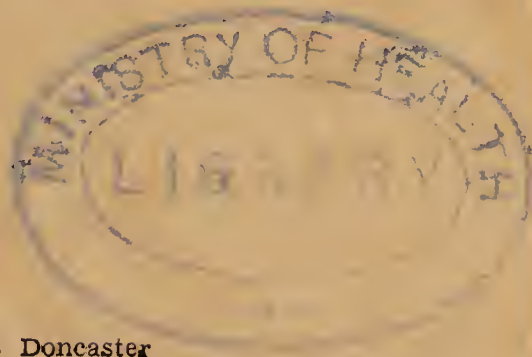
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Station Road,
Doncaster.
July, 1954.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE TICKHILL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report on the health of the Urban District in accordance with my statutory duty.

The vital statistics compared favourably with those of other urban districts in the West Riding, except with regard to the death rate from tuberculosis, which exceeded the average in a moderate degree.

The incidence of infectious diseases was low with the exception of whooping cough. The position of immunisation against diphtheria was better than that pertaining in most other districts, and there was a fairly good response to vaccination.

The reports of Mr. Haslam as Sanitary Inspector, and of Mr. Bowett as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods, are incorporated.

Yours faithfully,

A. PENMAN, M.D., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1—Medical Officer of Health:

A. PENMAN, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Also Divisional Medical Officer, W.R.C.C.).

2—Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor (part time):

J. HASLAM, M.I.Mun.E., Worksop.

3—Meat Inspector (part time):

J. BOWETT, M.R.C.V.S., Worksop.

Council Offices:

Westgate, Tickhill (Tel. No. Tickhill 215)

Health Office:

Divisional Offices, Station Road, Doncaster.
(Tel. No. Doncaster 61571).

PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1953

	Tickhill Urban District	Aggregate West Riding Urban Districts	England & Wales
1. Birth Rate per 1,000 population	16.3	15.4	15.5
2. Death Rates per 1,000 population:			
(a) All causes	12.8	12.5	11.4
(b) Tuberculosis	0.39	0.19	0.20
3. Infant mortality per 1,000 live births	0.0	27.6	26.8
4. Maternal mortality per 1,000 live births	0.0	0.38	0.76
5. Death rate from enteritis and diarrhoea per 1,000 live births	0.0	*	1.1

* Not available

SECTION A

VITAL STATISTICS

Area of the district (including 6 acres of water)	5,580 acres
Registrar General's estimate of the population	... 2,570
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1953)	... 810
Rateable Value	... £13,998
Sum represented by a penny rate	... £58 6s. 6d.

LIVE BIRTHS:—

	M.	F.	Total	
Legitimate	20	18	38	} 42
Illegitimate	3	1	4	
				16.3 rate per 1,000 population.

STILL BIRTHS:—

M.	F.	Total	
1	0	1	0.39 rate per 1,000 population.

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:—

M.	F.	Total
0	0	0

DEATHS ALL CAUSES:—

M.	F.	Total	
20	13	33	12.8 rate per 1,000 population.

DEATHS FROM MATERNAL CAUSES:—

M.	F.	Total
0	0	0

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS:—

M.	F.	Total	
1	0	1	0.39 rate per 1,000 population.

Population: The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year home population was 2,570, which is 10 less than in the previous year.

Births: The number of live births at 42 was 9 more than in 1952. The birth rate increased to 16.3 from 12.4.

Deaths: 33 deaths from all causes were recorded, 4 more than in the previous year. The general death rate rose from 11.2 to 12.8. Of the total deaths, 17 were due to diseases of the heart or blood vessels, 1 to tuberculosis, 4 to neoplasm, 1 to bronchitis, 2 to motor or other accidents.

Maternal Mortality: There was no maternal death during 1953 for the sixteenth successive year.

Infant Mortality: There were no deaths of children under the age of 12 months.

SECTION B

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES

Tickhill Urban District is part of Health Division No. 28 of the West Riding County Council and all the nursing services are provided from the staff attached thereto.

HEALTH VISITING:

Miss N. H. Stewardson became Health Visitor for Tickhill in place of Miss E. Goulden in July, when visiting districts were re-allocated.

HOME NURSING AND MIDWIFERY:

Nurse Hawksworth continued to act as home nurse and midwife in a full-time capacity for the Tickhill part of the Health Division. As a home nurse she attended 136 cases in the year and paid 1,178 visits, 217 of which were for the purpose of administration of hypodermic injections only. As a midwife or maternity nurse she attended 25 confinements. The nurse continues to live at 5 Common Lane, Tickhill (Tel. No. 289). Arrangements are made to cover Nurse Hawksworth's holiday and off-duty periods by other nurses and midwives of the Division.

HOME HELP SCHEME:

Home help was supplied in one case. Applications for such help should be addressed to the Divisional Health Office, Station Road, Doncaster. There is need of suitable women to act as home helps in Tickhill, and all who are willing to serve in this way are invited to apply to the Senior Health Visitor, Divisional Health Office, Station Road, Doncaster, who will explain the duties and rate of pay.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE:

Routine medical inspection was carried out at the Infants' and Junior Mixed Schools, and special immunisation clinics held at the schools. Defects were followed up and specialist treatment obtained where necessary. Once weekly a school nurse attended at the schools to deal with minor ailments and routine cleanliness inspections.

AMBULANCE SERVICE:

All applications for this service are to be addressed to the Ambulance Officer at Bentley, Doncaster (Tel. No. Doncaster 49468). This depot controls various other smaller sub-depots.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

(including the Report of the Sanitary Inspector under Article 19, Sanitary Officers' Order, 1926).

1—Water Supply:

The public supply comes from Doncaster and Tickhill Joint Water Board and has proved to be of excellent quality and of moderate hardness. Samples taken monthly indicate its high bacterial purity. The hardness, moreover, is of the temporary variety.

During the year 17 more houses were connected to the public mains, making 766 dwellings thus supplied. 44 houses are not supplied from the mains, chiefly outlying farms and cottages with wells.

No shortage of water was reported to me during the year.

2—Sewerage and Sewage Disposal:

48 houses are not connected to the sewer, including some in the Lindrick area which is too low to drain without pumping.

The new sewage works are modern and satisfactory, consisting of one sedimentation tank, two percolating filters with sprinklers and 6 sludge beds. Provision for storm overflow has been made by use of the old sewage works. The effluent is clear and inoffensive and has never been the subject of complaint from the River Board.

3—Closet Accommodation:

The present provision can be summarised thus:—

	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948
Pail Closets ...	6	6	6	7	7	7
Privies ...	23	31	36	48	56	58
Water Closets ...	854	836	800	758	726	654

Eight privies were reconstructed as w.c.s during the year.

4—Public Cleansing:

The collection and disposal of dry refuse is carried out entirely by the Council's own workmen and equipment. Disposal is by controlled tipping.

5—Rats and Mice Destruction:

During the year a new arrangement operated whereby the “rodent operative” of the Doncaster R.D.C. extended his work to the Tickhill Urban District. 190 inspections were made and 33 infestations were dealt with successfully. Fresh evidence of new infestations noted by rate-payers should be notified to Pest Officer, Nether Hall, Doncaster.

6.—Summary of Sanitary Inspector’s Work:

Total No. of inspections made for nuisances only	58
Notices for abatement of nuisances issued in 1953	17
Nuisances in hand at end of 1952	8
Total needing abatement	25
Abated during 1953	18
Outstanding at end of 1953	7
Visits made under Shops Act, 1950	22
Visits made under Factories and Workshops Acts	8
Defects discovered	2
Defects remedied	2

SECTION D

HOUSING

The total number of dwelling houses in the District is now 810, which include 8 new houses built by the Council and 2 provided privately during the year. The Council’s housing provision had reached 181 houses by the end of 1953, all dwellings of the permanent type.

There is a substantial number of cottages in the town, of very ancient construction and design, many of them owned by persons of limited means. They are undoubtedly sub-standard with regard to their state of repair and in the facilities provided. Official action in the worst cases generally results in their closure after being rendered uninhabitable.

During the year formal and informal proceedings were taken in relation to four of such houses.

SECTION E

SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The principal part of the Food and Drugs Act is administered by the County Council, who cause samples to be taken for "the nature, substance and quality of the articles demanded."

Premises in which food is prepared or distributed should be registered with the District Council and are subject to certain conditions designed to allow of their easy cleansing and the personal hygiene of the occupants. The District Council are still responsible for the inspection of milk retailers' premises and of the retail side of producer/retailers. There were 7 producer/retailers and 3 retailers in the Urban District. The Medical Officer of Health was not called upon during 1953 to take any action under Sections 18 to 20, Milk and Dairies Order, 1949 (Food and Drugs Act, 1938), with regard to infected personnel or infected food or milk.

Meat & Other Foods—Report of Mr. J. Bowett, M.R.C.V.S. for 1953:

During 1953 weekly inspections were carried out at the butchers' shops in Tickhill.

Inspections of tinned and other foods were also carried out at other shops when it was found necessary.

In my opinion the meat has arrived unsoiled in transit and the shops are kept in a clean and satisfactory condition in every way.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Age and Sex Incidence—arranged in the manner prescribed
by the Registrar-General.

(1) Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis), 1953.

Age Group	Scarlet Fever		Measles		Whooping Cough	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	1	1
1— 2 years	—	—	—	2	3	5
3— 4 years	—	—	3	3	4	3
5— 9 years	1	—	—	—	10	4
10—14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	—	3	5	18	13

Age Group	Acute Pneumonia	
	M.	F.
Under 5 years	—	—
5—14 years	—	1
15—44 years	—	—
45—64 years	2	—
65 and over	1	1
Age unknown	—	—
Total	3	2

State of Immunisation against Diphtheria—
Year ended 31.12.53.

Under 1 yr.					Under 5		5—9 yrs.	10—14 yrs.	Total under
Born 1952					1951	1950	1949	1948	15 years
2					21	28	32	37	503
Total immunised under 5—120							212	171	
							383		
Child population under 5—214							Child population 5 to 14—449		663
Percentage immunised: under 5—56							Percentage immunised 5 to 14— 85		76

Vaccination against Smallpox—Number:

	Vaccinated	Re-vaccinated
Pre-school children	17	—
School children	8	2
Adults	2	8
	<hr/> 27 <hr/>	<hr/> 10 <hr/>

Tuberculosis:

There were two notifications of new cases of tuberculosis (both respiratory cases) received during the year (male—1; female—1).

Remaining on the register at the end of the year were:

Respiratory cases	19
Non-respiratory	3
Total cases	<hr/> 22 <hr/>

This represents a decrease of 1 case over the previous year.

There was 1 male death from respiratory tuberculosis.

**SECTION 47, NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS,
1948 AND 1951.**

No cases were dealt with under this Section.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

No. of factories on the register ...	...	...	10
No. of inspections made ...	...	...	8
No. of cases in which defects were found	...	...	1
No. of defects remedied ...	...	...	1
No. of registered out-workers ...	...	...	Nil

